



ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Tanzania 18th May to 2nd June 2013 (16 days)

Annotated List of Mammals recorded

Note: Names and taxonomical order of the land mammals follow that of “The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals”; additional names are given in parenthesis and are likely to appear in other popular field guides.

Total species and forms recorded: 49 (48 seen, 1 heard only)

Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Peter’s Dwarf Epauletted Fruit Bat *Micropterus pusillus*

We had quite a few roosting in trees at our Serengeti lodge.

Large-winged Bats Megadermatidae

Yellow-winged Bat *Lavia frons*

We saw this attractive bat species in the Serengeti.

Colobid Monkeys Colobidae

Guereza (Black-and-white) Colobus *Colobus guereza*

We found ten of these striking primates in Arusha NP.

Cheek-Pouch Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Olive Baboon *Papio [hamadryas] anubis*

We saw this species often, always in troops, in Arusha, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Blue Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis*

We encountered this species along the Ngorongoro Crater rim and along the Elephant Cave trail.

White-throated/Sykes’s Monkey *Cercopithecus albogularis*

The Tanganyika subspecies was seen at our lodge near Arusha and in Arusha NP.

NOTE: The taxonomy of Blue and Syke’s monkeys is a little uncertain. Some authorities consider the latter a subspecies of the former, while others place both as subspecies within the Gentle Monkey C. nictitans complex. Current opinion suggests that they are actually separate species.

Vervet Monkey *Cercopithecus aethiops*

This light-grey monkey was common on tour, found in slightly drier habitats to the two previous species.

Galagos Galagonidae

Greater Galago (Thick-tailed Bushbaby) *Otolemur crassicaudatus*

We heard this nocturnal primate, but never managed to locate it at our lodge near Arusha.

Senegal Galago (Lesser Bushbaby) *Galago senegalensis*

We found a single day-roosting animal at our lodge in the Serengeti.

Hares Leporidae

African Savanna (Scrub) Hare *Lepus victoriae*

We saw one animal near Oldupai Gorge.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Unstriped Ground Squirrel *Xerus rutilus*

Seen a couple of times in Tarangire NP.

Tanganyika Mountain Squirrel *Paraxerus lucifer*

This species was seen at Lake Manyara and near Karatu.

Ochre Bush Squirrel *Paraxerus ochraceus*

This endearing rodent was common in Tarangire NP.

Rats & Mice Muridae

Acacia Rat *Thallomys paedulus*

This nocturnal rat was seen at our lodge in Serengeti NP.

African Grass Rat *Arvicanthis niloticus*

We encountered half a dozen of these unafraid rodents at Nabi Gate, the entrance to Serengeti NP.

Dogs & Allies Canidae

Bat-eared Fox *Otocyon megalotus*

We saw one of these delightful canines in Serengeti NP.

Golden Jackal *Canis aureus*

We found two animals in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas*

We had sightings in Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

Mongoose Herpestidae

Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguinea*

We glimpsed three of these solitary mongooses in one day in the Serengeti.

Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula*

We saw these cute little critters in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*

Aside from sightings in Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs we also had a sighting of 60 of these gregarious creatures in Serengeti NP.

Hyaenas Hyaenidae

Spotted Hyena *Crocuta crocuta*

Seen especially nicely in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Cats Felidae

Lion *Panthera leo*

We enjoyed numerous sightings of the ‘King (and Queen!) of the Jungle’ in Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

Leopard *Panthera pardus*

We (along with a dozen other vehicles!) had the most magical sighting of a mother and two cubs, one of which was playing with a cushion from God-knows-where in Serengeti NP.

Hyraxes Procavidae

Rock Hyrax *Procavia capensis*

These hyraxes were present alongside the following species at our lodge in the Seronera area of the Serengeti.

Yellow-spotted Hyrax *Heterohyrax brucei*

This species, smaller and paler than the previous, was abundant around our Tarangire and Serengeti lodges.

Tree Hyrax *Heterohyrax arboreus*

We saw this nocturnal forest-dwelling hyrax along the Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Elephants Elephantidae

African Elephant *Loxodonta africana*

We saw these giants over 11 consecutive days, including some very close encounters in Tarangire NP.

Horses Equidae

Plain’s (Common) Zebra *Equus quagga*

Abundant in the Serengeti where it was found alongside thousands of wildebeest.

NOTE: We saw the subspecies *E. q. boehmi*.

Rhinoceroses Rhinocerotidae

Black Rhinoceros *Diceros bicornis*

We saw two distant individuals in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibious*

We enjoyed great sightings of these amphibious behemoths, including at least 250 at a river confluence in the Serengeti!

Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus*

A common resident of savannah areas, we saw this species almost every day.

Giraffes Giraffidae

Maasai Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis tippelskirchi*

The tallest land animal in the world, we enjoyed many good sightings of this species in savannah habitat throughout the tour.

Bovids & Horned Ungulates Bovidae

Thomson’s Gazelle *Gazella thomsonii*

These small gazelle were plentiful in the Serengeti.

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| Grant's Gazelle | <i>Gazella granti</i> |
| This larger gazelle was also common in the Serengeti, where it was often found alongside the previous species. | |
| Steenbok | <i>Raphicerus campestris</i> |
| A single ram was spotted in Tarangire NP. | |
| Oribi | <i>Ourebia ourebi</i> |
| We briefly saw a doe shortly after entering Serengeti NP. | |
| Harvey's Duiker | <i>Cephalophus harveyi</i> |
| We saw one of these reddish antelope in Arusha NP. | |
| Kirk's Dik-dik | <i>Madoqua kirkii</i> |
| We encountered this delicate antelope often in savannah habitat. | |
| Suni | <i>Neotragus moschatus kirchenpaueri</i> |
| Two animals darted away from us in Arusha NP. | |
| African Buffalo | <i>Syncerus caffer</i> |
| We found hundreds of these hefty bovines in Ngorongoro, Arusha, Serengeti and Lake Manyara NPs – and one along the Elephant Cave Trail! | |
| Bushbuck | <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i> |
| We saw this antelope in Arusha and Lake Manyara NPs. | |
| Eland | <i>Taurotragus oryx</i> |
| We encountered four of these massive beasts in the Ngorongoro Crater. | |
| Bohor Reedbuck | <i>Redunca redunca</i> |
| We saw three of these damp habitat-loving antelope in Tarangire. | |
| Common Waterbuck | <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus</i> |
| This antelope was common in Tarangire NP. | |
| Defassa Waterbuck | <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i> |
| This fully white-buttocked waterbuck subspecies was seen in the Serengeti NP. | |
| Coke's Hartebeest (Kongoni) | <i>Alcelaphus buselaphus cokei</i> |
| Common in Serengeti NP. | |
| Blue Wildebeest | <i>Connochaetes taurinus</i> |
| We observed thousands of these strange antelope on their migration through the Serengeti. <i>NOTE: We saw the subspecies White-bearded Gnu/Wildebeest C. t. albojubatus.</i> | |
| Topi | <i>Damaliscus korrigum jimela</i> |
| These fastest of African antelope were seen in the Serengeti. <i>NOTE: This antelope is sometimes treated as conspecific with Tsessebe D. lunatus in which case it would be D.lunatus jimela.</i> | |
| Impala | <i>Aepyceros melampus</i> |
| A very widespread antelope that was seen in almost all wooded savannah areas. | |

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